

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown below.

Please replace the title listed on page one, line 1 to the following:

Connection Of A Communications Unit To A Softphone Of A PC

Please replace lines 3-4 on page 1 with the following amended sentence:

The invention relates to ~~switching~~ a connection of a communications unit to the a softphone of a PC ~~via an electrical connection~~.

Please replace lines 6-7 on page 1 with the following amended sentence:

Such a ~~switching~~ connection is known from the published US Patent Application No. 2003/0096589 A1.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 22 page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The object of the invention is achieved by a ~~switching~~ connection of the type defined in the introductory portion of claim 1, which is characterized in that a control unit is coupled between the communications unit and ~~the~~ a softphone, said control unit being adapted to transfer commands to the softphone, ~~both when the PC is coupled in normal position and when the PC is coupled in security position.~~

Please add the following new paragraph *after* paragraph ending on line 30 page 1:

In order to enhance the overall features of the connection it is expedient if, as stated in claim 11, a control unit is coupled between the communications unit and the softphone, said control unit being adapted to transfer commands to the softphone, when the PC is coupled in normal position.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 1 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

An easy installation of the control unit may be provided if, as stated in claim [[2]]12, the control unit is connected to the softphone via a USB gate, while the communications unit is connected by a wire to the control unit.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 5 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

If a user-friendly coupling is desired where the control unit “physically” follows the communications unit, i.e. is kept e.g. in a pocket, it is an advantage if, as stated in claim [[3]]13, the control unit is connected wirelessly, e.g. by means of a short range Bluetooth connection, to the softphone and the communications unit.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 11 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

For a suitable number of various commands to be applied from the control unit to the softphone, it is expedient if, as stated in claim [[4]]14, the control unit has a plurality of setting buttons, e.g. three. If these buttons are arranged such that one or two depressions result in the application of a command, nine different commands may be given.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 17 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

To maintain the security of the PC when it is blocked, e.g. by an access code, it is expedient if, as stated in claim [[5]]15, the PC, when blocked for use by the security setting, is open for the reception of a limited number of commands from the control unit to the softphone.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 22 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

This advantage is enhanced additionally if, as stated in claim ~~[[6]]~~16, the control unit comprises a sound card, since the access to the PC itself, including the use of its sound card when it is otherwise blocked, is limited to the greatest extent possible.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 27 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The user-friendliness of the ~~switching~~-connection is increased if, as stated in claim ~~[[7]]~~17, the communications unit is formed by a passive headset consisting of a microphone and a speaker.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 31 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

To increase the flexibility of the switching according to the invention additionally, it is an advantage if, as stated in claim ~~[[8]]~~18, the communications unit is formed by an active headset with its own power supply and control buttons.

Please replace paragraph starting on line 31 page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

Finally, it is an advantage if, as stated in claim ~~[[9]]~~19, the headset is powered from the USB gate via the control unit for the charging of the headset.